About GED® Test Scoring

Scoring of the new GED® test works very differently from that of the 2002 series GED® test. According to the information available from the test-maker, the following is known about scoring of the new GED® test:

• Scoring is based on the number of points a test-taker earns in each section rather than on the number of questions the test-taker gets correct. Different questions have different point values. For example, questions in which a test-taker is asked to fill in two blanks or choose options from two drop-down menus are worth two points.
• Point values do not correspond to Depth of Knowledge levels.
• The number of questions a test-taker will see on test day may vary from one form of the test to another. What remains the same across different test forms is the number of points on each test. The total number of points available on each test is as follows:
  - Reasoning Through Language Arts: 65 raw points
  - Mathematical Reasoning: 49 raw points
  - Social Studies: 44 raw points
  - Science: 40 raw points
• The number of points a test-taker earns is translated into a scaled score, on a scale of 100 to 200 for each subject test:
  - 100-149: below passing
  - 150-169: passing
  - 170-200: passing at the “GED with Honors” level, intended to indicate career and college readiness
• Test-takers must earn a minimum of 150 on *each* subject test in order to pass overall. It is no longer the case that a high score on one test can compensate for a below-passing score on another test. If a test-taker scores below 150 on any of the subject tests, the test-taker must retake those subject tests regardless of her performance on other subject tests.

What remains unclear, given the information the test-maker can provide to us, is the number of raw points needed to earn a 150 or 170 on each subject test. However, we do know that the cut scores for passing are comparable to passing scores on the 2002 series GED® test. That allows us to make inferences regarding the performance levels that will be required for test-takers to pass. Please see the next page for this information.

We encourage test-takers to take the GED Ready™ Official Practice Tests as a final step before scheduling their actual GED® test. Vouchers are available through New Readers Press. To order, go to [www.newreaderspress.com](http://www.newreaderspress.com) and click on “GED Ready.”
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<th>If you got this percentage of questions correct ...</th>
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<td>0% to 50%</td>
<td>Unlikely to pass that subject test on Test Day.</td>
<td>An in-depth review of the subject matter. Be sure to look for commonalities among the questions you got wrong, and study those topics in greater depth. Review the questions you got wrong on the practice tests until you understand how to avoid similar mistakes in the future.</td>
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<td>50% to 65%</td>
<td>Somewhat unlikely to pass that subject on Test Day, but this is still uncertain.</td>
<td>Setting a goal by which you would like to complete a final review of the material. As you do that review, focus on the material you have struggled with the most. Review the questions you got wrong on the practice tests until you understand how to avoid similar mistakes in the future.</td>
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<td>65% to 75%</td>
<td>Moderately likely to pass that subject on Test Day.</td>
<td>Considering scheduling a date to take that subject test. You may want to give yourself a few more days or weeks to do a final comprehensive review of this subject before testing. If you must take all the GED® subject tests at the same time, be sure to review this material once per week as you prepare for the other subject tests.</td>
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<td>75% or higher</td>
<td>Highly likely to pass on Test Day.</td>
<td>Considering scheduling this subject test for the near future. If you do, be sure to do a comprehensive, high-level review of the material and a final brush-up of any concepts you’ve struggled with before test day. Also, get yourself ready to test by getting on a regular sleep schedule, keeping yourself healthy, and managing stress. If you must wait before taking the official GED® test for this subject, review the material once per week until Test Day so that your skills do not rust.</td>
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